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Xavier freshman Will Hanigan made a rookie mistake and forgot to bring his jersey to the Class 2A state soccer tournament at Cownie Park in Des Moines Thursday.

"He was afraid he would not be able to play," Xavier Coach Amir Hadzic said with a big smile. "That's kind of a good story."

It turned out to be a great story.

Hanigan borrowed sophomore Matthew Been's jersey and scored the only goal with some fancy footwork as the Saints trimmed ADM, 1-0, in the opening round of the tournament.

Hanigan wore Been's No. 20 jersey instead of his own No. 14, with approval from the Iowa High School Athletic Association. He's not sure where he left his own white shirt.

"Probably in my dryer back home," he said sheepishly.

Xavier (15-2) will face Norwalk (16-3) in the semifinals Friday at 2:35 p.m. The Saints were headed home after Thursday's match and Hanigan vowed to be prepared for Friday's match, whether they're supposed to wear white shirts or blue.

"I'll put both of them in my bag tonight and I'll make sure I have them," he said sheepishly.

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With a solid header, Hanigan's ball found its way into the net. The Saints' defense was unable to stop the goal, and the team's lead was extended. The game was a close contest, with both teams showing strong offensive play. The Saints' defense was solid, but they were unable to prevent the goal. The game was a close contest, with both teams showing strong offensive play. The Saints' defense was solid, but they were unable to prevent the goal. The game was a close contest, with both teams showing strong offensive play.